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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application of: Peterson, et al. Confirmation No. 2424

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For: USE OF LIGHT SCATTERING PARTICLES IN DESIGN, MANUFACTURE, AND QUALITY CONTROL OF SMALL VOLUME INSTRUMENTS, DEVICES, AND PROCESSES Attorney Docket No. 11032-044-999

**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR § 1.136(a)**

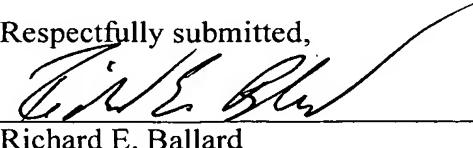
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Sir:

It is respectfully requested that the time for submission of a Request for Continued Examination in the above-referenced application be extended for a period of three (3) month(s) from December 19, 2005 up to and including Monday, March 20, 2006.

The fee for this extension is estimated to be \$790.00. Please charge the required fee to Jones Day Deposit Account No. 50-3013. A copy of this sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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